

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

The biased and outright propaganda-laden media coverage of the ongoing crisis is a perfect example of why further concentration of cable media should and must be regulated and controlled. It is ignorance and an adherence to dogma by recent appointments to the commission towards the government's role in assuring that the public have the opportunity to receive a diverse range of information that would allow further concentration of cable network ownership, and allow a rich and politically powerful faction to control the information that the public receives. I strongly oppose any weakening of current regulation.